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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Richard Seaman, of OIR in the Department of State, has just returned from a trip to Europe. While he was in Germany, one American, unidentified, told him that he had heard attributed to the Secretary of State a remark to the effect that even if the French did not ratify EDC, the US would take no part in and/or was opposed to the rearmament of Germany. Another American, also unidentified, told Seaman the same thing and attributed the remark to [REDACTED]

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It may be that this story is being circulated in France amongst important Frenchmen. On this latter point, I have no evidence.

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